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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

GUITTARD ET AL.

Examiner

Konata M. George

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on May 30, 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 40-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 40-48 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 40-48 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on April 14, 2006 and September 11, 2006 was noted and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement.

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2. The rejection of claim 40-47 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3 and 4 of US Patent No. 5,674,895 is being maintained until the terminal disclaimer has reviewed by the office and approved. Once the terminal disclaimer has been approved the double patent rejection will be dropped.

3. The rejection of claim 40 and 48 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 of US Patent No. 5,840,754 is being maintained until the terminal disclaimer has reviewed by the office and approved. Once the terminal disclaimer has been approved the double patent rejection will be dropped.

4. The rejection of claim 40-47 on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of US Patent No. 5,912,268 is

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being maintained until the terminal disclaimer has reviewed by the office and approved.

Once the terminal disclaimer has been approved the double patent rejection will be dropped.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 40-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Baichwal (US 5,399,359).

Baichwal teaches a tablet comprising 10 mg of oxybutynin HCl (2.9% of 348.3 mg tablet weight) with a controlled and sustained, substantially zero order release profile as described in Table 6 (column 8) for the relief of symptoms of bladder instability associated with voiding of the bladder (i.e. management of incontinence in a patient) (col. 2, line 67 through col. 3, line 1). Baichwal teaches in column 5, lines 58-62 that the dosage form may be coated with a hydrophilic coating such as hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

Conclusion

6. Claims 40-48 are rejected.

Telephone Inquiries

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is 571-272-0613. The examiner can normally be reached from 8AM to 6:30PM Monday to Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter, can be reached at 571-272-0646. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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